

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update Media Release

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Town offers property tax deferrals for property owners

Georgina, ON – The Town of Georgina is offering deferrals for the first instalment of the 2021 interim property tax bill for property owners who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible applicants will have their Feb. 26, 2021 instalment deferred until April 26, 2021, meaning no penalty or interest charges. Eligible applicants may also have their quarterly water/wastewater bill deferred penalty free until April 26, 2021 or until their next billing cycle after that.

"We know many people in our community continue to face uncertainty and financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It continues to be a challenging time and by offering this deferral, the Town is providing relief to residents who have been financially impacted by the pandemic," said Mayor Margaret Quirk. "We do encourage everyone who is able to pay their property taxes on time to continue to do so, as this will allow the municipality to continue to provide the services required by our residents and business community."

To be eligible for the deferral, a property owner's tax and water/wastewater accounts must be at a zero balance as of Aug. 1, 2020 and they must be experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic from loss of employment, temporary suspension of pay or general financial hardship.

Property owners must apply to the Town of Georgina in order to receive the deferral. The form can be found online at <u>georgina.ca/taxes</u>.

As the Civic Centre remains closed, there are several ways property owners can make payments remotely. These include pre-authorized programs, online and telephone banking, issuing post-dated cheques or by mail. Consult with your financial institution to determine whether a payment can be made at a branch location.

For the latest information, news and updates on COVID-19 in Georgina, visit georgina.ca/COVID-19.

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